

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
“Meeting minutes of August 2, 2006”**

PRESENT: Randy Ameden, Chair; Dave Glabach, John Spencer, Jeff Whitesell (WPD), Lucia Wing, Secretary, Dennis McCarthy, Town Administrator

ABSENT: Nancy Oakes (Buildings), Randy Kimball (WHD)

IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Driscoll, (Zoning Administrator), Beth Jenks (Town Clerk), Wil Shaffer, Ted Friedman, Kate Coleman (Town Treasurer)

CALL TO ORDER:

Ameden called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

After welcoming John Spencer to the Selectboard, *Glabach made the motion to elect Randy Ameden Chair; seconded by Spencer; unanimous. Ameden made the motion to elect Dave Glabach, Vice-Chair to the Selectboard; seconded by Spencer; unanimous.*

PAY ORDER(S):

After review, *Ameden made the motion to approve pay order #5 as presented; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*

PAYROLL:

After review, *Ameden made the motion to approve payroll #29-#30 as presented; seconded by Spencer; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, *Ameden made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 19, 2006 as amended and July 31, 2006 as presented; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*

ZONING & PLANNING REPORT:

The Zoning Administrator reported the Outback Restaurant had removed their sign and CTL Inc. (Red Fox) was appealing the decision of the Zoning Administrator to issue a violation for their off-premise sign located in the Town ROW at the intersection of Route 30 and Winhall Hollow Road.

WINHALL HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: (No report)

SKATEBOARD PARK UPDATE:

The Town Administrator updated the Selectboard re: recreational expenses for the skateboard park submitted by the Town Treasurer which had ultimately cost more than anticipated- approximately \$60,000 when completed. Ameden recommended there be better management of the park, especially as the project was more involved than expected. As the park was not going to be supervised, Wade Masure, VLCT insurance, recommended signs should have a contact person and a number to call in case of safety or other concerns. Ameden hoped to get the park landscaped and opened by Labor Day; and the park would be open to other than Winhall residents. Springfield Fencing would install the perimeter fence when all the dirt work had been completed. The Selectboard would meet with the landscaper and Springfield Fencing and get a time line for completion of the work.

WIL SHAFFER: WINHALL WEB SITE REPORT:

Wil Shaffer came before the Selectboard to discuss what he was currently working on relative to the Winhall web site. Shaffer talked about the site format, navigation bar, content, and home page. He suggested including the Winhall Forest and the Winhall Library on the web site; Shaffer would include all the Town departments and add photos of the officers and Selectboard. He discussed a home page which could include the size of Winhall, population, housing, Winhall as the gateway to Stratton Mountain; businesses- tourism, real estate, ski shops, and restaurants. Shaffer reiterated he was open to any recommendations, comments, or suggestions. The Town Administrator suggested putting the minutes, building and subdivision permits, and zoning regulations on the web page and any other pertinent Town information. Shaffer also updated the Selectboard re: Route 30 Calming Project.

BETH JENKS: DISCUSSION OF HISTORICAL BUILDING

ACQUISITION:

Beth Jenks and Ted Friedman came before the Selectboard to discuss the Town potentially purchasing the United Methodist Church located on a .74 acre parcel in the center of Bondville from the Troy Conference who owned the building. An appraiser had talked with Jenks and had made several recommendations. Jenks explained that presently Coleman/Eddy had made

an offer of \$80,000 for the building; the Troy Conference would sell the church to the Town for less and would share their appraisal of the building as well. Jenks and the Selectboard discussed parking, septic, and water; presently there was no water, septic, or parking at the church; they discussed fund raising to restore the church. Friedman made the comment that it was the oldest historical building in Town, and it would be a shame if the structure got torn down; Friedman felt the Town should buy it and fix it up. Barbara Little suggested turning the old church into a museum. Glabach suggested forming a committee to help Little in coming up with a plan. The Selectboard discussed what else to use the building for. Jenks would contact the Town attorney for his opinion about the building. They also discussed relocating the building to the Town Hall site. After further discussion, ***Ameden made the motion to have Barbara Little and Beth Jenks continue to research potential Town acquisition of the United Methodist Church in Bondville; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.***

HIGHWAYS & ROADS REPORT:

- 1) The Selectboard discussed the access permit for (Olsen/Doruk) for a three (3) lot subdivision located off Lower Taylor Hill Road. Ed Floyd (Technicon) had submitted a road profile to the Selectboard describing the exact location of the subdivision road. The Selectboard had previously investigated site issues, grade issues, water run-off onto Lower Taylor Hill, and safety and emergency rescue concerns. Chief Whitesell stated he had looked at the site and felt the access entrance was wide enough for emergency vehicles; he felt the uphill site distance was marginal and the downhill site distance difficult if Lower Taylor Hill Road ever became a two way road. The Selectboard agreed to table making a decision until Spencer had had a chance to look at the access.

- 2) In her letter to the Selectboard, Joanne Plaff (#17 Signal Hill Road) had stated her concern about the culvert up the road from her property filling up too quickly and bringing debris onto her property. The Selectboard discussed possible solutions. They would ask Kimball to have another look and report back at the next meeting.

- 3) The Town Administrator talked about posting an Ancient Road “Public Notice” basically asking anyone in the community if they knew of any roads or trails in Winhall which were not on the Town highway map. The

Selectboard discussed what would happen if there were potential ancient roads on private property; according to the Town Administrator, the Town could reclaim the road(s) if they wanted. After further discussion, *Ameden made the motion to have the Town Administrator post the notice; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*

POLICE, FIRE, & RESCUE REPORT:

1) Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed the June and July monthly police report(s) including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, and law incidents in the Town of Winhall, Town of Stratton, and Stratton Corporation.

2) Whitesell submitted a letter from the Mountain School commending School Resource Officer Gregory Gould for his participation with the Mountain School students; Derrick Tienken had started the police academy; and Whitesell reported the WPD had taken delivering of the new police cruiser which was being newly equipped. Whitesell reported he needed to have Dennis Roy build a new counter space for the new computer and finger printing equipment. Ameden suggested cutting back brush to improve the site distance for a left turn onto Old Town Road.

3) Whitesell submitted a Federal Annual Certification Report Seizure Money Form for the Selectboard to sign re: seizure money (drugs, etc.); the form basically stated that Winhall had not received any money or spent any money. Ameden made the motion to sign the above Federal Form; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.

4) Ameden asked Whitesell about the Red Fox truck parked in the bank parking lot; Whitesell thought the truck might be parked in the State ROW. He would contact District 2 (AOT) and see what the WPD could do relative to enforcement.

BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE REPORT: (No Report)

TRANSFER STATION:

The Selectboard discussed computer recycling and where to store gaylords and pallets when filled. The Town Administrator reported Windham Regional had received grant money; they would agree to pick up paint, used

oil, and textiles from the Winhall Transfer Station at no cost. They would plan to pick up on Wednesday, September 22nd. After further discussion, ***Glabach made the motion to have the Town Administrator set up the recycling date with Windham Region Solid Waste District; seconded by Spencer; unanimous.***

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

Jenks reported the Selectboard would be needed to count votes for the primary on September 12th and elections November 7th.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

1) After review, the Selectboard signed the Discontinuance Notice for Old Peru Turnpike.

2) After review, ***Ameden made the motion to approve mileage reimbursement requests for Elizabeth Jenks and Dave Glabach; and inoculations for Josh Epstein; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.***

3) The Selectboard had the second reading of Winhall's Transfer Station Hours of Operation Policy.

4) The Town Administrator gave an update re: Winhall credit card to be used by Winhall employees if needed.

5) The Town Administrator suggested the Town could include an Article for Town Meeting Day to borrow money from the Reserve Fund in anticipation of taxes. Coleman and the Selectboard also discussed borrowing the money from the Town and not borrowing from it from the bank. The Reserve Funds were under the jurisdiction of the Selectboard. The Town Administrator stated the Town would have to receive voter approval to borrow money from themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE: (See attached)

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM; ***motion by Ameden; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.***

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Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard

Randy Ameden, Chair

David Glabach, Vice-Chair

John Spencer